

MONASTIR BEING DESERTED TO ENEMY

BOGUS PAPER PUT WOMAN INTO FRIGHT

How Blackmail Gang Made Mrs. Klipper "Kick in" On the Hush Money.

TAKEN TO CANADA

Wealthy Men and Women Plead With Authorities to Suppress Names.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Mrs. Regina Klipper of Philadelphia, principal witness against the syndicate, is expected to tell the full details of her alleged swindling by the gang and her alleged abduction to Montreal, federal officials said.

Mrs. Klipper, a divorcee with three small children, met Frank Crocker, a member of the band, in a New York hotel while there on a buying trip for a Philadelphia concern. She and Crocker, according to the confession Crocker made to federal officials, occupied an apartment after a dinner and evening at a theatre.

Shortly after midnight, according to the confession, Edward Donahue, William Butler and George Irwin knocked at the door. All wore badges of the government secret service. An alleged warrant was produced by them for the arrest of the couple for violation of the Mann act.

Crocker, affecting surprise and indignation, wrote out a check for \$5,000. "There doesn't seem any way out of it except for both of us to kick in," he advised Mrs. Klipper. She did.

When Mrs. Klipper threatened to tell her story to federal authorities, members of the band kidnapped her, according to government charges, and spirited her away to a hotel in Montreal. There she was held prisoner for six weeks.

Demand Heavy Bonds.

Release on bond of several members of the alleged blackmail syndicate arrested in a federal raid here, and possible continuance of their preliminary hearing, was in prospect today as witnesses from eastern cities arrived in Chicago to testify against the gang.

James Christian, one of the four men arrested with three women in the raid here, was freed on \$2,000 bail late last night. Three other members of the gang may be released on bail today.

The alleged leaders, however, will be held under \$25,000 bond each unless United States Commissioner Foote, before whom they will be arraigned, reduces their bond. These alleged leaders are Helen Evers, the so-called "siren" of the syndicate in its alleged operations against wealthy men; Edward "Doc" Donahue and Harry (Black) Russell.

Federal authorities here have been besieged by wealthy men and women who claimed to have been victims of the gang and who pleaded that their names be kept out of the case.

Charges against three of the seven members of the alleged \$1,000,000 band of blackmailers were dropped when they were granted a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Foote today. Lack of evidence to hold them, it was said, promoted the action. Those released were: Mrs. Francis Allen, alias Chapman; Mrs. Edward Donahue and George Bland.

The charges against Edward Donahue, Henry Russell, Mrs. Helen Evers, alleged ringleaders of the band, and James Christian, were continued until Friday.

FIREMEN RACE IN VAIN TO SAVE LIFE

Decatur, Ill., Sept. 19.—Four Decatur firemen with an oxygen machine raced 33 miles to Pleak, Ill., today in an effort to save the life of Ethel Cole, three years old, who had fallen into a well. The firemen made the trip in 55 minutes, but the child was dead when they arrived.

Mrs. George Cole, mother of the girl, had gone to the well to draw some water. The child slipped and fell in. The father was in the field, some distance away, and help arrived too late.

LANDIS SAYS PRIVATE BANKERS BURGLARS

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Representatives of Chicago's biggest banking houses were ordered today to appear before Federal Judge Landis tomorrow to explain their connection with the private bankers, whom the jurist characterized as "burglars."

The order was issued during a hearing of the petition in bankruptcy against M. Ginzburg & Sons, private bankers, one of the four which have failed within the last few days.

Mrs. Emma Tuma, wife of Joseph Tuma, a private banker, who shot himself to death yesterday after a five-day run on his bank, declared today that every depositor would be paid.

Dam Breaks in Bohemia; Scores Dead

London, Sept. 19, (11:50 a. m.)—Many lives have been lost and enormous damage has been caused near Gablonz, Bohemia, by the bursting of a dam in the valley at Delsendesse, according to a dispatch to Reuters from Amsterdam quoting a telegram received here from Gablonz.

The onrushing water carried away numerous glass polishing factories and it is feared there were many victims. The bridges were not destroyed, but are in danger of collapse. The damage is very great.

The villages of Desendorf, Tiefenbach, Tannenwald, Schumburg, Schwarow, Grossmeier and Haratz are inundated. Ten bodies of victims have been recovered and identified.

HUGHES IN PEORIA FOR STATE MEET

Republican Leaders of Illinois Gather at Still City for Old Time Political Pow-Wow.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 19.—Charles E. Hughes arrived here at 10 a. m. He was met by a reception committee and escorted to a hotel where he rested for an hour before addressing the republican state convention.

Mr. Hughes was joined at Chicago early this morning by Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, whose private car was attached to the Hughes special.

Others who boarded the special at Chicago included A. T. Hart, western manager of the republican national committee; Harold L. Ickes and Mayor Thompson of Chicago, national campaign committeeman and national committeeman from Illinois, respectively; Frederick E. Steiweg, republican state chairman of Illinois, and Frederick W. Upham, treasurer of the western branch of the national committee.

The speech which Mr. Hughes delivered at the coliseum today was the first of his second presidential campaign trip.

Among the republican leaders who came to Peoria to attend the convention are: Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago; Chairman Fred E. Steiweg of the republican state committee; Congressman Joseph G. Cannon, Congressman William B. McKinley, Frank O. Lowden, republican nominee for governor; John G. Oglesby, nominee for lieutenant governor; Louis L. Emerson, nominee for secretary of state; Len Small, nominee for state treasurer; Andrew Russell, nominee for state auditor; Edward J. Brundage, nominee for attorney general; Medill McCormick and William E. Mason, nominees for congressmen at large; Congressman William A. Rodenberg; David E. Shanahan, speaker of the Illinois house of representatives; Frank L. Smith of Dwight, Harold L. Ickes, former governor Richard Yates, former governor Joseph W. Eifer, Congressman B. M. Chiswell and Thomas J. Healy and E. R. Litzinger of Chicago, representing the Democ. faction.

The republican state convention was called to order shortly after 10 o'clock by Congressman William B. McKinley, the chairman. The first business transacted was the naming of three candidates for university trustees: William L. Abbott of Chicago, Otto W. Holt of Detroit and Mary E. Busey of Urbana, were renominated by acclamation. The state central committee was authorized to fill any vacancy on the ticket which may occur.

Chairman Edward C. Curtis read the report of the committee on resolutions and the convention adjourned until the platform submitted without discussion.

Frank O. Lowden, republican nominee for governor, was given an enthusiastic reception when he stepped to the platform. He declared the republican party in Illinois is thoroughly united and predicted that the entire party ticket will sweep the state in November by a huge majority.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 19.—The coliseum at the state fair grounds, where fine-bred horses and cattle are being displayed this week, was today converted into an auditorium for the address of Charles E. Hughes. A large platform, where Mr. Hughes and his party and representatives of the press were to be seated, was erected at the south side of the building. Mr. Hughes' speech will be interspersed between showings of licensed cattle and saddle horses, would be compelled to stand during the candidate's speech as the fair board did not think it advisable to interrupt the stock show long enough to put several thousand chairs in place.

Mr. Hughes proved a great drawing card for the fair. A great field was packed with visitors to see and hear him. He will speak at a mass meeting at the state armory tonight.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity

Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Temperature at 7 a. m. 49. Highest yesterday 66, lowest last night 48. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 5 miles per hour. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 47, at 7 a. m. 72, at 1 p. m. 31, no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERK, Local Forecaster.

GREEK PRESS WAR THREAT; KING KNOWS

Royalist Organ at Athens Makes Peremptory Demand on Bulgarians.

RELEASE PRISONERS

Article Regarded First Step in Pro-War Campaign Throughout Greece.

Athens, Monday, Sept. 18 (via London, Sept. 19, 3:30 p. m.)—The royalist organ Forward will publish tomorrow the opening article in a pro-war campaign intended to prepare the opinion of Greeks for the entry of their country into the war.

The newspaper demands an immediate explanation and the release of the Greek soldiers made prisoner by the Bulgarians at Kavala, plainly indicating that the alternative will be war.

Speaking of the Greeks made prisoners at Kavala, the Forward says: "Only those are treated as prisoners who surrender to the enemy. We know that Premier Kalageopoulos has taken steps with Germany for the immediate return of our soldiers, with all their effects."

"If this demand is not at once satisfied the government must consider the measures to be taken."

King Constantine is said not to be ignorant of the contents of the Forward's article.

BOSTON-DETROIT IN OPENING GAME

Series Began Today May Decide American League Championship—Red Sox Score First.

Detroit, Sept. 19.—Detroit and Boston met today in the first game of a three-game series which may decide the American league baseball championship. Boston, leading by two points, has a slight margin on Detroit. Weather conditions were perfect.

The batteries were Mays and Thomas for Boston and Duggan and Stange for Detroit. The umpires were Evans and Owens.

Boston scored one run in the first inning. Shorten walked, went to second on an infield out and scored on Lewis' single to center. Duggan passed three men in the first inning.

In the first inning Bush, the Detroit shortstop, hit a foul ball which bounced sharply from the plate and struck him in the right eye. After receiving medical attention he returned to the game and struck out.

First inning—Boston, 1; Detroit, 0. Neither team scored in the second and third innings.

Neither team scored in the fourth inning.

Cobb prevented Boston scoring in the fifth. He raced almost into second base to make a sensational catch of Lewis' liner and then doubled Hoblitzel, who had singled at first. After this play Gardner singled to center, but was forced by Scott.

FERGUS SUIT UP AGAIN TOMORROW

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 19.—Argument in the Fergus deficiency suit, brought by James B. Fergus of Chicago against State Auditor Brady and State Treasurer Russell to restrain further payment of deficiency appropriations passed by the last legislature, will begin in the circuit court here tomorrow. The suit asks for an injunction and for the return of funds already paid under the deficiency legislation.

SPENT \$2,000, SAVED \$500,000 WORTH HOGS

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 19.—At a cost of \$2,000, Marshall county, Kansas, actually saved \$500,000 worth of hogs infected with cholera last year, and by the practice of cleanliness, prevented a loss of \$500,000, according to a report made public by J. H. Mercer, state sanitary livestock commissioner today. Over 85 per cent of the hogs in Marshall county infected with cholera were saved, Mercer says.

Range Strike Ends

Virginia, Minn., Sept. 19.—The strike on the Mesaba iron range is declared off by men and Industrial Workers of the World. The votes of local unions in Biwabik, Aurora, Chisholm, Hibbing and at other points has made it impracticable for other striking miners to continue the fight.

HOW WE HAVE PROSPERED

WEALTH OF U.S. TODAY \$41,000,000,000 MORE THAN UNDER TAFT IN 1912. A GAIN OF 31.8 PER CENT.

COMMERCE EXCEEDS THE REPUBLICAN RECORD BY \$2,600,000,000 OR 68 PER CENT.


EXPORTS FOR 1916 EXCEED \$4,300,000,000. THE REPUBLICAN RECORD FOR 1912 BEING \$2,300,000,000.

TRADE BALANCE FOR 1916 IS \$500,000,000 MORE THAN UNDER REPUBLICAN RULE FROM 1909 TO 1912.

EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS IN 1916 WERE 140 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1912.

BANK DEPOSITS FOR 1916 INCREASED 55 PER CENT OVER 1914.

LABOR IS RECEIVING THE HIGHEST WAGES IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY.



WILSON IS READY FOR FOE'S ATTACK

President Will Meet Hughes' Criticisms and Defend Policies of the Democratic Party.

Washington, Sept. 19.—President Wilson passed through here early today enroute to Long Branch, N. J., from Columbia, S. C., where he attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, yesterday. The train was due to arrive at 2:30 this afternoon at West End, N. J., two miles from Shadow Lawn.

The president expects to plunge actively into campaign plans tomorrow and to be busily engaged until election day. Later this week he will see Vance McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee, and with him map out a program of receptions to delegations at Shadow Lawn, and short speech-making trips.

His first speech away from Long Branch will be at Baltimore next Monday. Saturday he will speak to at least two delegations at Shadow Lawn.

From now on Mr. Wilson plans to meet the criticisms of Charles E. Hughes with attacks of his own. Outside of his speech of acceptance he has done no campaigning up to the present. He has mapped out several points he wants to discuss, including the settlement of the threatened railroad strike, the legislative record of the administration, the Mexican problem and European questions, the record of the republican party and subjects affecting progressives.

New York, Sept. 19.—A probable change in the campaign plans of President Wilson was indicated today by Vance C. McCormick, national democratic chairman, who said he would visit Long Branch, N. J., to discuss with the president a suggested speaking tour in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and this city and possibly upstate in New York.

It was stated that Secretary of War Baker would campaign in this state during October; that Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, and Bainbridge Colby would speak on the Pacific coast, and that United States Senator Ollie James would campaign across the continent.

Latest Bulletins

London, Sept. 19.—A new war loan by the Russian government is proposed, according to a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd today. The plan is to issue a new 10-year loan to the amount of 3,000,000 rubles.

Waterloo, Iowa, Sept. 19.—County chairmen of the Iowa Equal Suffrage association met here today in a preliminary meeting to the 45th annual convention of the association which opens here tomorrow.

Washington, Iowa, Sept. 19.—Grover Hesselstine, 32, a farmer near here, is dead today as the result of an explosion of gasoline late yesterday. He was transferring gasoline from one can to another and struck a match to see how much fluid remained in the larger tank.

Kewanee, Ill., Sept. 19.—Nathaniel W. Tibbitts, 60 years a representative in the Illinois general assembly from the Thirty-seventh district, died suddenly today of Bright's disease. He had started to Peoria to attend the republican state convention as a delegate from Henry county but was obliged to return.

Rushed Into Club, Killed Harry Dunn

St. Louis, Sept. 19.—Harry Dunn, 26, was shot and killed early this morning at a downtown "lido" club. Four men arrested after the shooting professed ignorance when questioned.

One report said three or four men rushed into the club, shouted something unintelligible and opened fire on Dunn. He fell from his chair, two bullet holes in his head and died instantly. The men rushed out and escaped.

Dunn is said to have been a "pal" of Harry Roman, who was shot and killed in a club on Twelfth street several weeks ago.

JOINT ENVOYS IN QUEST FOR FACTS

Protection of Border Holds Center of Interest in Discussion at Today's Meeting.

New London, Conn., Sept. 19.—The joint Mexican-American commission today resumed discussion of plans for the protection of the international border.

The American members will not attempt to force the consideration of internal affairs but the Mexican members indicated that discussion of this subject as incident to questions affecting the border situation would not be opposed.

It was not expected that any agreement would be reached today.

Washington, Sept. 19.—The Mexican government today appealed to the state department to protest against a new mining decree reported under consideration by General Carranza, which they declared might operate to confiscate their property. The department is making inquiries at Mexico City.

Carranza, the mine owners say, proposes to increase to a confiscatory rate taxes on developed mines in specified districts, now closed because of unsettled conditions, which are not put into operation within 60 days. The ostensible purpose, it is said, is to give employment to idle Mexicans.

The Mexican members of the commission admitted to the American representatives today that the order leading to the closing of the National bank and the Bank of London and Mexico in Mexico City was in large measure retaliatory. The order provided that banks must show a metallic reserve sufficient to cover the issue of bank notes, dollar for dollar.

The discussion of the commission was confined almost entirely to the banking question, the border situation being considered only incidentally.

IOWA GUARD FACE WINTER SERVICE

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 19.—Special dispatches to local newspapers today asserted that a shipment of winter clothing has been received by the brigade quartermaster of the Iowa national guard, stationed at Brownsville, Tex. Twenty thousand tents are included in the shipment of winter supplies, it was asserted. Officers of the Iowa guard are quoted as saying that in their opinion the arrival of the winter clothing indicates that the war department plans to keep the Iowans on the border part of the winter at least.

Knox Is 80 Years Old. Gatesburg, Ill., Sept. 19.—Knox college began its 80th year today with a registration of 260 new students.

SEEKS TO AVERT GENERAL STRIKE

Mayor Mitchell Calls Merchants Together—Many Carmen Walk Out in Way of Protest.

New York, Sept. 19.—Mayor Mitchell called into conference with him today representatives of the chamber of commerce and merchants' association to try and avert the threatened strike of 700,000 workers in this city in sympathy with the street railway employees.

Representatives of about thirty unions united in calling upon the city officials to strike it off with the transit companies was not forthcoming.

Early today many conductors and motormen of the New York and Queens county railroad went on strike in protest against the use of their members to operate cars and break the strike in Manhattan.

BOUGHT \$200,000 MINE FOR LUMP SUM OF \$87

Middletown, Ill., Sept. 19.—The property of the Middletown Coal Mine company, which was created by the citizens of Middletown at a cost of about \$200,000, was today transferred to Edward Rayburn of Middletown for \$87. Rayburn bought it at a sheriff's sale Saturday. The back taxes on the property are \$300. Rayburn obtained six acres of ground and two deep shaft holes for his \$87.

Iowa League Opens Meet.

Dubuque, Ia., Sept. 19.—The Iowa League of Municipalities opened its annual convention here. City officers and public utility men are here from nearly every town of consequence in the state. The steamboat Helen Blair brought a large delegation from Davenport, the trip being made on the Mississippi during last night.

THE WAR TODAY

Bad weather has set in along the Somme front in northern France and the Anglo-French offensive has halted.

The Germans last night made five successive attacks on Russian troops in Champagne district. The Russians checked each drive, Paris reports.

Monastir, in southwestern Serbia, is now threatened by the allied advance and it is reported that the Bulgarians are evacuating the place, removing the Bulgarian archives to Uskub.

There have been no sustained offensive movements in either the Vardar region or that of the Struma.

BULGARS ARE NOW LEAVING FATED TOWN

Teutons Launch Five Attacks Against Russ in Champagne Region.

BATTLE IN GALICIA

Von Hindenburg Sees Eastern Front Where Decisive Fights Must Be Won.

London, Sept. 19 (9:33 a. m.)—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that information received there indicates that the Bulgarians are beginning the evacuation of Monastir. It is said that the Bulgarian archives are being hastily transported to Uskub.

Berlin, Sept. 19, (via London, 5:05 p. m.)—Taking the offensive on the Stokhod river, the Germans yesterday stormed a strong Russian bridgehead and drove the Russians across the river, the war office announced today. More than 2,500 Russians were captured, as well as 17 machine guns.

Paris, Sept. 19 (12:30 p. m.)—The Germans took the offensive in Champagne last night, making five successive attacks on the Russian troops there. Today's official report says that each time they were checked by the Russian machine gun and artillery fire.

The German attack on the Champagne front was made in force between Souain and Somme-Py. On the Somme front operations were hindered by bad weather.

May Expel 10,000 Italians. Berne, Switzerland (via Paris, Sept. 19, 1 p. m.)—It is reported from the German frontier that the German government intends to expel 10,000 Italians in reprisal for the treatment of Germans in Italy.

The Italians will be sent out of Germany on special trains by way of Switzerland. They include many women, children and old men of the poorer classes.

German Staff on East Front? London, Sept. 19 (12:50 p. m.)—The Wireless Press today gave out a Berne dispatch quoting the Stuttgarter Zeitung to the effect that the German great general staff has been moved from the western to the eastern front.

The great German headquarters, which directs operations on all fronts and at which the emperor and chief of staff spend much of their time, was in Belgium in the early weeks of the war and subsequently was moved to northern France. In the spring of 1915 it was in a town near Lille. According to unofficial reports it was transferred later to a small village further east.

Since the appointment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg as chief of staff it has been reported that he desired to leave in France and Belgium sufficient men to hold the line and devote his energies to the east, for he is credited with the belief that it is on this front that the first conclusive victory must be won.

Last week he returned from France to the eastern front. It was also reported that Emperor William, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and representatives of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey were at the eastern headquarters for a conference which was to decide the shaping of the campaign in the east.

Stubborn Battle in Galicia. Petrograd, Sept. 19 (via London, 2:50 p. m.)—Stubborn fighting is in progress between Russian and Austro-German troops in the region of the river Narayukva, in Galicia, says the official statement issued today by the Russian war department. All the Teuton attacks, the statement adds, were repelled with heavy losses.

Rainstorm on French Front. London, Sept. 19 (12:40 p. m.)—"Heavy and continuous rain has fallen during the last 24 hours," says today's official account of operations on the Franco-Belgian front. "The general situation is unchanged."

In the neighborhood of Richebourg L'Avoue (northwest of La Ruse) the enemy's trenches at three places, capturing prisoners and a machine gun and inflicting many casualties. Our casualties were slight.

"Since last night's report five more of our aeroplanes have failed to return."

Macedonian Campaign

"On Sunday night our pickets east of Orjak bridge were attacked by the enemy, but were repulsed," says today's official report of the Macedonian campaign. "The enemy camp at Prosenik was bombarded Sunday by our aircraft, apparently with successful results. There were no developments on the Doiran front."

French Fleet Missing

Paris, Sept. 19 (5 a. m.)—Flight Lieutenant De Rochefort, who brought down his sixth German machine on Saturday, has been posted as missing.